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### **US State Department Provides \$225,000 in Training to Department of Petroleum and Energy**



**PHOTO CAPTION:** Craig Wandrey, geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and coordinator for the U.S. State Department's Energy Governance Capacity Initiative (EGCI), shares a joke with U.S. Ambassador Teddy Taylor February 17, 2012 at the U.S. Embassy. Wandrey was in Port Moresby February 13-17 with USGS geophysicists Warren Agena and Krissy Lewis to provide training in loading and interpreting PNG Department of Petroleum and Energy data so that the staff there can independently interpret data from oil companies. The staff at the Department of Petroleum and Energy, said Wandrey, are "very interested and motivated" and one of the "most advanced." What EGCI is providing, said Wandrey, is

hands-on experience with regard to the software, input and interpretation. Wandrey and his team will be back in late March to offer additional training in core and data archiving to enable PNG's DPE to retain data worth tens of millions of dollars. This information will be invaluable in future exploration, said Wandrey. According to Public Diplomacy Officer Brian Asmus, the U.S. State Department has given the DPE US\$225,000 worth of training since 2010.

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